

Smisby Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting 11th July 2017

Minutes of Smisby Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 11th July 2017.

Smisby Parish Council Attendance

Councillor Steve Hewitt (Chair)

Councillor Sarah Rushman

Councillor Mark Parnham

Councillor Rob Hounslow

Parish Clerk Emma Stroud

Members of the public and other organisations

County Councillor Linda Chilton, 2 members of the WI, 1 member of the public

1 Apologies

Councillor Simon Barnett, District Councillor Michael Stanton. District Councillor Peter Smith

2 Declaration of Interest

None identified.

3 Items identified to exclude public

None identified

4 Chairman's Communications

A warm welcome to everyone

5 Opportunity for public questions

Barbara and Suzanne from the WI attended the meeting to propose an exciting project to mark the 100 years of Derbyshire Federation of the WI they would like to put 2 boards up in Smisby with information about its history. More discussion took place. **All agreed to move forward with costings and designs and put an article in the newsletter.**

Potholes on forties lane appear to have been done as well as a gateway on Chapel Street but there are still lots that hasn't been done elsewhere.

The litter pick has been done and it was noted that dog fouling is still a problem, particularly from those that come from outside Smisby to walk their dogs.

6 Approval of last minutes

Approved.

- 7 Update on actions from previous minutes
Outstanding actions were discussed but a record of these discussions has been recorded under the relevant item listed on the agenda or within the District Councillors Item.
- 8 Update on Village Green and Lamp Post
Councillor Hounslow has been asked supply proof of the type of lamp post that was on the village green previously. It was mentioned that there might be pictures in the pub.
- 9 Update on Chapel Street Wear and Tear
Chapel Street appears to be wearing well as the grass is now establishing. Posts with reflectors could still be an option. **The Parish Councillors will monitor Chapel Street over the winter months and then make a decision for action.**
- 10 BT Phone Box
Parish Clerk has sent the cheque and the contract and **will follow up** in due course.
- 11 Update on Village Hall Windows
There was discussion around the ownership and trustees of the Village Hall. It was proposed that the Parish Council become building trustees / custodian of building – All agreed. Planners asking for more details of windows, hope to submit on Friday before the application expires.
- 12 Hi-Speed Broadband
Simon still pursuing. £11000 should bring in hi speed broadband for the majority of the village. The Parochial Charity would be willing to fund. A letter will be sent to every household to explain in more detail. A timescale hasn't been specified yet but early 2018 is a possibility.
- 13 Update Car Parking on Main Street
Traffic and parking in the village was an area for discussion again. Several possible options are being investigated including a white line on side. Further discussion to follow with an update at the next meeting.
- 14 War Memorial cleaning
Deferred to next meeting
- 15 The Poplars, Annwell Lane verge damage and erection of boundary fence
Have they got planning or have they just put up the fence. All felt this was against the values of planning applications in conservation area as it is not

aesthetically pleasing. **Councillor Hewitt to get an update from District Councillor Smith about this and the verge.**

- 16 Overgrown verge and hedgerow on Smisby Road
People walk along the path and this is currently very dangerous. Responsibility was discussed and it was believed that this was the responsibility of the landowner. Hazel volunteered to approach them while out litter picking. An official letter may follow if not tackled.
- 17 Weed growth throughout Smisby along pavements and footpaths
Councillor Hewitt has contacted District Councillor Smith about this already.
- 18 Highway maintenance matters (including potholes)
Potholes as usual.
- 19 To discuss and agree any response to the following Planning Applications
Councillors had no objections with the following applications.
9/2017/0411- Removal of trees at The Poplars, Annwell Lane, Scamhazel Farm
- 20 Questions and reports from SDDC and DDC Councillors
None
- 21 Clerks Report
The Parish clerk asked if it would be ok for her to attend a DALC finance clerk and purchase a memory stick for backing up records. All agreed.
- The Parish Clerk was sent a report about the Beech Tree on Forties Lane and Chapel Street junction. This stated that the tree belonged to the authorities and that on inspection it is advised that the tree needed surgery to remove some of the larger branches to improve the health of the tree and prolong its life. They wanted to consult the area before work commenced. **An item will be added to the newsletter to inform parishioners.**
- All other items of information have been emailed to Parish Councillors.
- 22 Statement of accounts, including Audit information
Accounts distributed for this financial year to date.
- 23 Approve payments
Payments approved as below.

Payee	Value	Reason/Invoice Number	Cheque No
H. Salt	£50	Lengthsman	868

D. Whitby	£40	Playground Inspection	869
Smisby Village Hall	£90	Hire of hall for meetings	862
E. Stroud	£294.72	Salary	870
Bloomin' Gardens	£528	Grounds Maintenance	863
Kilworth Machinery	£54.04	Postage and Envelopes	864
B. Wood	£100	Audit	865
S. Hewitt	£66.25	Newsletter printing	866
Parochial Charity	£310	Rent	867

24 Smisby Parish Council nomination for Parochial Trustee

Someone has been approached and we are awaiting acceptance.

The Chairman thanked the Parish Councillors for attending and declared the meeting closed.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 12th September 2017 at 7.30.

Signed: Date: